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PATENTAttorney Reference Number 6541-60665-01
Application Number 10/039,577**Remarks**

The Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks. Claims 1, 2, 4-14, and 21-27 are pending.

In the Office action mailed June 15, 2005 ["Office action"], the Examiner rejected claims 1-4, 11, and 12 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,918,175 to Tayloe et al. ["Tayloe"]. The Examiner rejected claims 5, 7, 9, 13, and 21 as being unpatentable over Tayloe in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,920,814 to Sawyer et al. ["Sawyer"]. The Examiner rejected claim 6 as being unpatentable over Tayloe and Sawyer in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,073,016 to Hulthen ["Hulthen"]. The Applicant respectfully disagrees with the rejections of the claims.

Claim 3 and 15-20 have been canceled without prejudice.

Claims 8, 10, 14, and 22 have been objected to as being dependent on rejected base claims, but otherwise allowable.

Claims 23-27 have been added.

I. Claims 15-20 have been canceled.

In the Office action, the Examiner made final the restriction requirement previously imposed in the present application. The Applicant disagrees with the restriction requirement and with the Examiner's characterization of the claims. To expedite prosecution, however, claims 15-20 have been canceled.

II. Claims 1, 2, 4 and 23 should be allowable.

Claim 1, as amended, recites:

selecting a registration resource at a first location, wherein the registration resource is potentially usable to register for a service and obtain a service resource to replace the registration resource, and wherein the service resource but not the registration resource is usable for the service.

According to claim 1, a registration resource (such as a MSISDN, claim 23) is selected at a first location. The registration resource is potentially usable to register for a service and obtain a service resource (such as another MSISDN, claim 23) to replace the registration resource. The registration resource is assigned to a customer at a second location, and the registration resource is released at the second location independently of the first location.

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Taylor does not teach or suggest the above-cited language of claim 1. According to Taylor, a mobile subscriber unit ["MSU"] determines (406) whether or not communications resources (e.g., physical equipment for communications channels) are available and, if so, assigns (412) available communications resources to a MSU user. [Taylor, 8:58-9:16.] The "communications resources" in Taylor are not a "registration resource ... potentially usable to register for a service and obtain a service resource to replace the registration resource," as recited in claim 1, where "the service resource but not the registration resource is usable for the service." Rather, the "communications resources" in Taylor are for a communications path in a regular call after registration. [*Id.*] Moreover, the "communications resources" in Taylor do not replace a "registration resource" as recited in claim 1.

Elsewhere, Taylor describes "pre-assigned" MSISDNs [Taylor, 7:12-65, 8:40-57] and assignment of a MSISDN from a pool of MSISDNs available to a MSU [Taylor, 7:66-8:11, 8:40-57]. These both lead away from the above-cited language of claim 1, inasmuch as they involve directly assigning a MSISDN usable for regular calls to the MSU user.

Claim 1 should be allowable. In view of the foregoing comments, the Applicant will not belabor the merits of the separate patentability of dependent claims 2, 4 and 23. Claims 2, 4 and 23 should also be allowable.

III. Claims 11, 12, and 25 should be allowable.

Claim 11, as amended, recites:

the provisioning system selects a registration resource independently of the registry system, wherein the registration resource is potentially usable to register for a service and obtain a service resource to replace the registration resource, and wherein the service resource but not the registration resource is usable for the service.

Taylor does not teach or suggest the above-cited language of claim 11. According to Taylor, a MSU determines (406) whether or not communications resources (e.g., physical equipment for communications channels) are available and, if so, assigns (412) available communications resources to a MSU user. [Taylor, 8:58-9:16.] The "communications resources" in Taylor are not a "registration resource ... potentially usable to register for a service and obtain a service resource to replace the registration resource," as recited in claim 11, where "the service resource but not the registration resource is usable for the service." Rather, the

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"communications resources" in Tayloe are for a communications path in a regular call after registration. [*Id.*] Moreover, the "communications resources" in Tayloe do not replace a "registration resource" as recited in claim 11.

Elsewhere, Tayloe describes "pre-assigned" MSISDNs [Tayloe, 7:12-65, 8:40-57] and assignment of a MSISDN from a pool of MSISDNs available to a MSU [Tayloe, 7:66-8:11, 8:40-57]. These both lead away from the above-cited language of claim 11, inasmuch as they involve directly assigning a MSISDN usable for regular calls to the MSU user.

Claim 11 should be allowable. In view of the foregoing comments, the Applicant will not belabor the merits of the separate patentability of dependent claims 12 and 25. Claims 12 and 25 should also be allowable.

IV. Claims 5, 7, 9, 13, 21, 24, 26, and 27 should be allowable.

Claim 5, as amended, recites:

at a first location, selecting a first registration MSISDN number from a set, wherein the first registration MSISDN number is potentially usable to register for a service and obtain a service MSISDN number to replace the first registration MSISDN number, and wherein the service MSISDN number but not the first registration MSISDN number is usable for the service;

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at the first location, selecting a second registration MSISDN number from the set, wherein the second registration MSISDN number is potentially usable to register for the service and obtain the service MSISDN number to replace the second registration MSISDN number, and wherein the service MSISDN number but not the second registration MSISDN number is usable for the service.

Claim 9, as amended, recites:

receiving at a second location a first registration resource selected at a first location, wherein the first registration resource is potentially usable to register for a service and obtain a service resource to replace the first registration resource, and wherein the service resource but not the first registration resource is usable for the service;

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receiving at the second location a second registration resource selected at the first location, wherein the second registration resource is potentially usable to register for the service and obtain the service resource to replace the second registration resource, and wherein the service resource but not the second registration resource is usable for the service.

Claim 13, as amended, recites:

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receiving at a second location a first registration resource selected at a first location, wherein the first registration resource is potentially usable to register for a service and obtain a service resource to replace the first registration resource, and wherein the service resource but not the first registration resource is usable for the service;

...

receiving at the second location a second registration resource selected at the first location, wherein the second registration resource is potentially usable to register for the service and obtain the service resource to replace the second registration resource, and wherein the service resource but not the second registration resource is usable for the service.

Claim 21, as amended, recites:

receiving at a second location a first registration resource selected at a first location, wherein the first registration resource is potentially usable to register for a service and obtain a service resource to replace the first registration resource, and wherein the service resource but not the first registration resource is usable for the service;

...

receiving at the second location a second registration resource selected at the first location, wherein the second registration resource is potentially usable to register for the service and obtain the service resource to replace the second registration resource, and wherein the service resource but not the second registration resource is usable for the service.

Tayloe and Sawyer, taken separately or in combination, fail to teach or suggest the above-cited language of claims 5, 9, 13, and 21, respectively.

Tayloe does not teach or suggest the above-cited language of claims 5, 9, 13, and 21, respectively. According to Tayloe, a MSU determines (406) whether or not communications resources (e.g., physical equipment for communications channels) are available and, if so, assigns (412) available communications resources to a MSU user. [Tayloe, 8:58-9:16.] The “communications resources” in Tayloe are not a “registration MSISN number” (as recited in claim 5) or “registration resource” (as recited claims 9, 13, and 21, respectively). Rather, the “communications resources” in Tayloe are for a communications path in a regular call after registration. [*Id.*] Moreover, the “communications resources” in Tayloe do not replace a “registration resource” (as recited claims 9, 13, and 21, respectively) or “registration MSISDN number” (as recited in claim 5).

Elsewhere, Tayloe describes “pre-assigned” MSISDNs [Tayloe, 7:12-65, 8:40-57] and assignment of a MSISDN from a pool of MSISDNs available to a MSU [Tayloe, 7:66-8:11,

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8:40-57]. These both lead away from the above-cited language of claims 5, 9, 13, and 21, respectively, inasmuch as they involve directly assigning a MSISDN usable for regular calls to the MSU user.

Sawyer describes management of temporary mobile subscriber identity parameters between different mobile switching centers. [Sawyer, Abstract.] This involves registration of mobile stations at different physical locations with different mobile switching centers, but does not teach or suggest the above-cited language of claims 5, 9, 13, and 21, respectively.

Claims 5, 9, 13, and 21 should be allowable. In view of the foregoing comments, the Applicant will not belabor the merits of the separate patentability of dependent claims 7, 21, 24, 26, and 27. Claims 7, 21, 24, 26, and 27 should also be allowable.

Claims 1, 2, 4-14, and 21-27 should be allowable. Such action is respectfully requested.

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